

BIG DAMAGES FOR HIS AFFECTIONS

Society Woman of America and Europe Is Served With Papers.

MARRIAGE LICENSE HAD BEEN OBTAINED

Dr. Kirk Stanley, jilted by Wealthy Mrs. Chapman, Asks for \$150,000—He Has a Police Record and Has Been in Many Escapes.

CHICAGO, January 9.—Suit for \$150,000 damages for breach of promise, begun in the Superior Court against Mrs. Jeannette Deere Chapman, sister of Charles Deere, president of the Moline Plow Company, of Moline, Ill., caused a sensation to-day. The suit was filed by Dr. Kirk Stanley, of New York.

Friends of Mrs. Chapman declared society circles in Chicago and other cities and Europe would be stirred when the filing of the suit became known generally. Mrs. Chapman is one of the best known society women in the country. She lives in a handsome mansion at Moline, where the Deere family has been prominent for many years. Mrs. Chapman is a leader in her circle of society friends in New York, Paris, Berlin and other cities, in which she spends part of each year.

According to the plaintiff all the arrangements had been made for the wedding, which was to have taken place on or about January 11, 1906.

All arrangements made. Even the marriage license had been obtained. Dr. Stanley and Mrs. Chapman are said to have made a pleasure trip to Chicago, during which they were at the Auditorium Annex. The opposition showed, especially by the daughter of Mrs. Chapman, is said to have been responsible for the marriage being abandoned. Besides possessing more than \$2,000,000 in her own name, Mrs. Chapman is one of the few heirs to the Deere estate, said to be worth about \$25,000,000. She has long been recognized as one of the leaders in American society circles in Paris, where she has passed much time.

Stanley Has a Record. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 9.—A man who called himself Dr. Kirk Stanley came into prominence here several times in the past few years. He is not a registered physician, and does not appear in the city directory at all now, but when he was up in supplementary proceedings in 1903, he professed to cure rheumatic ailments by a system of superheated dry air.

He was brought into court at that time by an advertising man, who had been engaged to place a lot of "judicious and discreet" advertisements concerning the cure. Failing to get anything but superheated air for his service, the advertising man induced Stanley to let him manage the office. He put in his own cashier, but for some days after that the patients who came there left no money. Then the cashier found that the patients got instructions to pay Stanley.

Once Under Arrest. Two years before that Stanley was arrested in connection with the death of the Rev. Father Edward Stanislaus Phillips, a priest from Hazelton, Pa., whose dead body had lain in Stanley's room, at 739 Ninth Avenue, for nine days before the housekeeper discovered it by accident.

Stanley, who then posed as a masseur and rheumatic expert, said when arrested that he met the priest with two women in a Tenderloin saloon and invited them all to his room. Stanley said he went away and left them there, and had no idea that the priest's body was in his room until some one else found it there. The coroner's investigation showed that the priest died of a natural death, and Stanley was released. The priest was popular in the ruling district, and 149,000 men followed his body to the grave.

Stanley was said to have gone to California after Father Phillips' death, but he was heard from a year later, when he bought food in a Broadway restaurant and had only a few cents to pay for it.

SUES FOR TAXES

ST. LOUIS, MO., January 9.—Suit for nearly \$1,000,000 was to-day filed against local street railway companies.



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on behalf of the city of St. Louis. The claim is based upon non-payment of a tax of one mill for every paid passenger since March 25, 1903.

The United Railway Company and the St. Louis Transit Company are defendants in the first suit, which is for \$147,621. A second suit for \$775,738 is directed against the former company only.

KENTUCKY FEUD

Ransoms and Lanterns Meet and Miss Ransom Is Killed.

WILLIAMSTOWN, KY., Jan. 9.—Miss Edith Ransom, aged 25 years, was killed and five other persons injured, two probably fatally as a result of a feud fight on the streets of Williamstown to-day. There has been bitter feeling for a long time between the Ransom and Ransom families and it led to trouble when they met at a dance given last night at the home of Wes Barnes, two miles east of Williamstown. The first outbreak was suppressed, but the men met on the street. Miss Ransom was killed by a bullet, her brother Sidney was shot below the heart and above the eye and his recovery is doubtful.

MEXICO HAS QUAKE

Entire Coast Shaken, but Very Little Damage Is Done.

MEXICO, Jan. 9.—The entire western coast of Mexico was shaken by an earthquake yesterday, which was most severely felt at Acapulco, in the State of Guerrero, and at Oaxaca, in the State of the same name. The damage was trivial, and no fatalities have been reported.

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100 pairs GENTS' SHOES, worth \$1.75; King Sale price, \$1.25..... **\$1.25**

100 pairs Children's Cloth Top Buttons, worth \$2.00; King Sale price, \$1.00..... **\$1.00**

100 pairs Children's Shoes, worth \$1.50; King Sale price, 75c..... **75c**

1,000 pairs Boys' Shoes, worth \$1.50; King Sale price, \$1.00..... **\$1.00**

Misses' Patent Cloth Button, worth \$2.00; King Sale price, \$1.25..... **\$1.25**

Children's Tans, button and lace, worth \$1.50; King Sale price, \$1.00..... **\$1.00**

Ladies' Storm Rubbers; King Sale price, 35c..... **35c**

100 pairs Men's Blucher Pina Shoes, worth \$2.50; King Sale price, \$1.25..... **\$1.25**

400 pairs Men's Patent Leather, worth \$5.00 and \$6.00; King Sale price, \$2.50..... **\$2.50**

200 pairs Men's Gummetal, made by one of the biggest and best shoe factories in Boston; sold for \$5.00; King Sale price, \$2.50..... **\$2.50**

HITCHCOCK GETS OFF COMMITTEE

When He Enters the Cabinet He Will Resign the Chairmanship.

SECRETARY WILSON TO LEAVE CABINET

"Uncle Jimmy" Will Have Broken All Records When He Completes Present Term and He Will Decline to Be Named Again—No Further Announcements.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] AUGUSTA, GA., January 9.—Frank H. Hitchcock is going to be Postmaster-General in Mr. Taft's Cabinet, but he is to give up the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee. All rumors and reports about the possibility of Mr. Hitchcock entering upon a business career and retaining the chairmanship were put to rest by Mr. Taft to-night, when he announced that Mr. Hitchcock had accepted the post-office portfolio. Mr. Taft is also authorized by the statement that Mr. Hitchcock will not continue as head of the national committee.

The national chairman is empowered by the national committee to appoint a vice-chairman in the event of his being unable to serve. Mr. Hitchcock will send in his resignation and appoint his successor soon after March 4th. No hint is given as to who the vice-chairman will be, but William Hayward, the present secretary of the national committee, is regarded here as a promising possibility. Mr. Hitchcock's actual successor will not be elected until after the next convention.

The Last Word. Mr. Hitchcock is in Augusta, and has been halted frequently by Mr. Taft in the last week in regard to Cabinet affairs. He declined to add anything to the announcement which Mr. Taft has made. With the announcement of the Hitchcock appointment Mr. Taft made it plain, however, that his last word had been spoken on his Cabinet until inauguration day.

He declared openly that he would reserve the right to deny any and every statement that might be made in regard to his Cabinet, for anything he might say would be in absolute confidence. It is evident that Mr. Taft tends to rely chiefly on Senator Knox and Chairman Hitchcock in the building up of his official family.

"Uncle Jimmy" To Go. A place of cabinet news about Secretary James Wilson, present Secretary of Agriculture, that he will decline to take to-day. Mr. Taft had "Uncle Jimmy" slated for reappointment, but it looks now as if his term of service as a Cabinet officer would end on March 4th. It is Secretary Wilson's ambition to make a record for length of Cabinet service, and it has been said that he would be able to gratify this ambition by being in the Taft Cabinet, for only a few months.

Information has come to Mr. Taft, it is understood, that a mistake has been made in this matter of Cabinet composition, and that "Uncle Jimmy" really holds the record now.

Secretary Wilson's friends had figured that he had to eclipse the record of Granger, who served thirteen years as Postmaster-General way back before the Civil War. It is said that "Uncle Jimmy's" friends have failed to consider the fact that the postmaster in those days was not a Cabinet post. The only record that touches "Uncle Jimmy's" is that of William Wirt, who was Attorney-General for eleven years, but "Uncle Jimmy" will have him beaten to a frazzle when he turns the post on March 4th.

Gifford Pinchot has been mentioned for this post.

Meyer May Remain. The announcement of the Hitchcock appointment has led to the impression here that George von L. Meyer, the present Postmaster-General, has been provided with a Cabinet post. It has been said that Mr. Taft wanted to decide what he would do with Mr. Meyer before naming his successor as Postmaster-General.

Mr. Meyer has been mentioned for the navy portfolio, and his appointment has been urged recently by Senator Lodge.

One of the results of Senator Knox's visit to Augusta was to kill Colonel Robert M. Thompson's chance for this post.

OHIO RIVER WILL BE THE ONLY ONE

Good Prospects for Appropriation to Give It a Nine Foot Waterway.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—The advocates of a general rivers and harbors appropriation bill are making every effort to have such a measure reported at the present session of congress. While the general schemes for the "Allan" deeper waterways project and the "lakes to the gulf" deeper waterways project are not ready for consideration by congress, the Ohio river project is in such shape as to require only the money necessary for commencing the work.

This project, which is to make an "all-year nine-foot waterway" from Pittsburgh to Cairo along the Ohio river, probably will be the first large new inland project which will be presented to congress and the members of the house committee on rivers and harbors is deliberating as to whether a bill appropriating the money for this work should be reported at the present session. It is very likely that an emergency measure will be reported by this committee, if it should decide not to report a general appropriation bill, this measure to provide sums of urgent projects in course of completion. The committee will meet again on Monday to decide, if possible, what course it will pursue with reference to rivers and harbors improvements.

Many members will introduce bills during the present session calling for surveys of proposed waterways improvements in order that their pet projects may be in shape to be considered in connection with a general rivers and harbors bill when such a measure is to be prepared.

Representative Randall, of Louisiana, president of the rivers and harbors committee and a member of the house committee on rivers and harbors, introduced a resolution within a few days which will provide for a joint committee similar in purpose to the present committee, which will be empowered to employ experts to visit the various rivers and harbors in order to give congress complete information with regard to the policies of other nations in improving waterways.

HOUSE WAS TIRED But Devoted One Hour to Passing Five Hundred Pension Bills. WASHINGTON, January 9.—The strenuous work of yesterday strained the House of Representatives, and in consequence, after being in session a little less than an hour, when the body adjourned until Monday. During that short period of time, however, 500 pension bills were passed, as was also a resolution for a rigid inquiry into the question of frauds against the government. A sum of \$10,000 was appropriated for the inquiry, which is to be made by a committee of five members, to be named by the Speaker.

Senator Proctor Eulogized. WASHINGTON, January 9.—Eulogies on the late Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, were delivered in the Senate to-day.

Senator Dillingham was the first to pay tribute to the life and character of his late colleague. He was followed by Senators Daniel, Perkins, Clay, Smoot, Crane, Hemenway and Page. With the exception of a little routine business, the Senate devoted the entire day to this service.

KILLED THE BRIDE Ignorant Russian Thought Couple Had Come to Rob Him. ELIOT, COL., Jan. 9.—Fearing that he was about to be attacked and robbed, Karl Tscharch, a Russian, living near here yesterday, fired a load of shot point-blank at Henry Tucker and his bride of two months, who had stopped at his cabin to inquire if he wanted work. The shot tore Mrs. Tucker's head nearly off, killing her instantly. Tucker himself was wounded slightly. Tscharch walked to a neighbor's house, told what he had done, explaining that he had \$300 concealed in his house and that he thought the Tuckers were robbers. He then disappeared.

MRS. ERB WANTS GUN Begins Proceedings to Recover Revolver Which Killed Her Husband. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb has begun proceedings to recover the revolver with which her sister shot and killed her husband, Captain J. Clayton Erb, in the country home, "Red Gables," near Media, Pa. The weapon figured prominently in the trial, which resulted in the death of Mrs. Erb's husband. Counsel for the sister defendants has issued attachment on District Attorney McDade in Media to produce the revolver. The attachment bore Mrs. Erb's name.

What her motive is in wanting the weapon could not be ascertained, as she and Mrs. Beisel after their acquittal left Media and are now in retirement.

WILL NOT LET UP House of Representatives Is Not Content With Rebuking President. WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—That the house of representatives does not intend stop with its action of yesterday in rebuking the president in connection with his structures regarding the secret service was evidenced to-day when at the instance of Mr. Tawney (Minnesota), and without a dissenting vote it adopted a sweeping resolution of inquiry into the amount of money appropriated for the present fiscal year for detecting frauds and the efforts made to bring to trial offenders against the law. The resolution called for the appointment of a committee of five members to conduct the investigation and it was authorized to employ stenographers and clerks to send or persons to take papers to administrators. The sum of \$500 was appropriated to cover the expenses involved.

SIX ARE RESCUED Disastrous Fires in Ohio—Hotel Guests Flee in Night Clothes. HAMILTON, O., Jan. 9.—Three guests and three men were rescued with difficulty from a disastrous fire here this morning, which completely wrecked the Hamilton house and damaged a part of a nearby National Bank building.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 9.—Fire in the basement of the Tavolara hotel early this morning caused a panic among the guests, many of whom left the hotel in their night clothes. The fire started in the building by way of the fire escapes.

PLANS FOR FLEET Kearns, Kentucky and Illinois Are to Be Placed in Reserve. WASHINGTON, January 9.—The battleships Kearns, Kentucky and Illinois, now with Admiral Sperry's Atlantic fleet in the Mediterranean, will be placed in reserve at the League Island navy yard on their return to the United States.

The other ships will, after inspection following the review at Hampton Roads, proceed to their home yards for necessary repairs and to await the assembling of the Atlantic fleet.

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Mr. Robert Harkness, pianist and composer with Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander in their meetings at the Auditorium, prefers and uses a Steinway Piano to all others. Read this letter from Rev. Thomas Semmes, rector St. Andrew's Church and city chairman:

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"Respectfully, 'REV. THOMAS SEMMES, City Chairman, 'Chapman-Alexander Evangelistic Campaign."

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COALING RAPIDLY

American Battleships Make Haste to Start on New Itinerary.

PORT SAID, Jan. 9.—The vessels of the American battleship fleet, still in port, are being coaled as fast as possible, and as soon as the fuel supplies are on board they are being dispatched to the various Mediterranean ports embraced in the new itinerary.

The Nebraska left here to-day for Marselles and the proceeded for Greece.

The Rhode Island left here to-day for Marselles.

GENEVA ROLLS

Famous Swiss Lake Cuts Shores Before the Italian Earthquake.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, Jan. 9.—The inhabitants of this city state that the waters of Lake Geneva rose and fell for two days with a curious earthquake action three weeks before the earthquake at Messina. The same phenomena were noted before the San Francisco disaster and are attributed to seismic gases.

Accident to Yacht. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 9.—William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., returned to New York on the steamship Mexico, which arrived from Havana to-day with Sidney Smith and Davis Barnes, whom he had taken on his turbine yacht, Tarantula for a cruise in the Caribbean.

They had expected to be gone six weeks, but shortly after starting they were compelled by the blowing out of a boiler tube when the yacht was running between Matanzas and Cardenas, on the north coast of Cuba, not far from Havana, to abandon the trip. The

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AGENTS FOR SHAW-WALKER FILING CABINETS

Disappearance of Wealthy Woman Is Not Satisfactorily Explained. LONDON, January 9.—The mysterious disappearance of Miss Violet Gordon-Chazeau, an attractive and wealthy woman, who has been reported as killed while motoring in Wales with her sister and the chauffeur ever that the motor came into collision with the retreating wall of a road along the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea, and that Miss Gordon-Chazeau was thrown over the wall into the sea. A woman's hat was found upon the rocks, but there was no indication of a body having been thrown over the cliff.

Miss Gordon-Chazeau, who was the heiress of a General Gordon, her godfather, who left her \$74,000, which was to be paid over to her on her twenty-fifth birthday, January 31st, with accumulated interest, making the whole amount \$250,000. Miss Gordon-Chazeau visited London frequently along the coast, and according to the Evening News, owes one broker \$60,000.

SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY

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WASHINGTON, D. C., January 9.—The national headquarters committee of the Anti-Slavery League, a meeting in this city to-day, decided to erect a printing publishing plant, involving an investment of approximately \$100,000, near Columbia, O., to be known as a "Lincoln Temperance Memorial," as headquarters for the league's official organ, "The American Issue."

NEXT TROOPS COME FROM CUBA MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY

According to information received here, the next detachment of troops of the army of Cuban revolution to return to the United States will be brought to Newport, News, by the army transport submarine cable middle of February. This will be the twenty-seventh United States Infantry, comprising about thirty officers and 600 enlisted men. The regiment, next to be sent to one of the Western forts via Richmond.

BERRY CUSTOMERS PLEASE NOTICE.

We want to apologize to those of our customers whom we had to keep waiting so long yesterday before our salesmen could give them attention.

The offerings in our sales now in progress in both the Men's and Boys' branches would attract general attention, we knew; but had we anticipated the rush of yesterday we would have provided better for your accommodation.

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